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NEWS SUMMARY: U.S. Attorney Announces Grants to Reduce Gun Violence

\$567,135 Awarded to Wisconsin Anti-Gun Violence Programs

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today the award of Project Safe Neighborhoods Grants totaling \$567,135 to seven anti-gun violence programs within the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America. PSN brings together a coordinated strategy to maximize the prosecution of gun related crimes that will help our communities to become safer, less fearful, and less threatened by gun violence. The Department of Justice has committed over \$800 million to this effort over the past three years. This funding is used to hire new federal and state prosecutors, support investigators, provide training, distribute gun lock safety kits, deter juvenile gun crime, and develop and promote community outreach and anti-gun violence efforts.

The PSN effort in the Eastern District of Wisconsin will bring together law enforcement and prosecutors, as well community organizations, to support the strategy and send a message that our communities will not tolerate gun violence.

The following projects that initiate, support, and/or advance law enforcement efforts to deter gun violence within the Eastern District of Wisconsin have received PSN grants:

- A cooperative initiative of the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Sheriff's Department, and the Milwaukee DA's Office to investigate and prosecute firearm offenses targeting those who are illegally putting guns in the hands of juveniles.

Milwaukee Police Department	\$162,236
Milwaukee Sheriff's Department	\$159,943
Milwaukee DA's Office	\$ 49,250

- A cooperative initiative of the Racine Police Department and the Racine Sheriff's Office to identify illegal suppliers of firearms used in crimes. The project will link recovered firearms to unsolved firearm related crimes in Racine County

Racine Police Department	
Racine Sheriff's Office	\$78,006

- The formation of an Outagamie Gun Task Force to investigate and prosecute firearm offenses under the leadership of the Outagamie District Attorney. The Task Force will provide training coordinated with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Outagamie DA's Office	\$32,700
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- Funding for the Serious Habitual Offender Capture program of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office to reduce gun violence by apprehending serious habitual adult and juvenile offenders wanted on felony warrants.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Office	\$20,000
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- A collaborative effort of the Firearm Injury Clinic and Data Driven Safety Strategies to provide technical assistance from the for collecting data and an evaluation component for those agencies who received PSN grant funds.

Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services	
	\$65,000

I am pleased that our partners will be able to use this money for innovative ways too reduce gun violence in our communities", said United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic.

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